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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, IN, US
SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT ON THE HIMALAYAN INCIDENT

REF: NEW DELHI 5959 AND NEW DELHI 5988

1. WE BELIEVE THAT PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT TO PARLIAMENT
TODAY HAS EFFECTIVELY DEFUSED WHAT WAS BECOMING AN INCREAS-
INGLY EMOTIONAL ISSUE HERE AND ONE THAT MIGHT HAVE HAD LONG-
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LASTING REVERBERATIONS.

2. WHILE THE PRIME MINISTER'S DECISION TO REVEAL THAT THE
ALLEGED ACTIVITIES HAD OCCURED DID NOT FOLLOW THE POLICY WE
SOUGHT TO URGE ON THE GOI, WE BELIEVE THAT THE MANNER IN WHICH
HE PRESENTED THE MATTER NOT ONLY WAS JUDICIOUS AND SOUND IN
THE CONTEXT OF INTERNAL INDIAN POLITICS BUT THAT IT ALSO

PROJECTS AND REINFORCES THE ATTITUDES OF COOPERATIVENESS AND CREDIBILITY WHICH HE SEEKS TO HAVE CHARACTERIZE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HIS GOVERNMENT AND OURS.

3. CONSEQUENTLY, I WISH TO SUGGEST THAT THE PRESIDENT'S NEXT LETTER MIGHT CONTAIN WORDS OF APPRECIATION FOR THE JUDICIOUS AND EFFECTIVE WAY IN WHICH MORARJI HAS HANDLED THIS PROBLEM. HE HAS MADE IT WORK TO BUILD A STRONGER ACCEPTANCE OF CLOSE INDO-U.S. RELATIONS WHEN IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN INSTEAD A CAUSE OF FESTERING DISTRUST.
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